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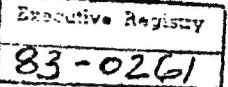
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SUBJECT: Interagency Group Meeting on IAEA Reassessment

The next meeting of the Interagency Group will be held on Monday, January 17, at 1:00 pm in Room 6226 in the Department of State. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss and obtain comments on the attached draft IG memorandum regarding U.S. participation in the IAEA.

Attached is a copy of the draft IG memorandum, a draft executive summary, and a draft memorandum informing the President of the conclusions of the IG.

  
L. Paul Bremer, III  
Executive Secretary

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DRAFT REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Resumption of U.S. Participation in the  
International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

The Inter-Agency Group (IG) on the Reassessment of U.S. Policy toward the IAEA has concluded a three month examination of our role and interests in the IAEA. This reassessment was triggered by the rejection of the Israeli delegation's credentials at the General Conference of the IAEA last September. The IG has unanimously concluded that:

- (1) The IAEA safeguards system performs a role critical for U.S. national security and non-proliferation interests,
- (2) there is no presently viable alternative to that safeguards system and none which could be put into place in the near term, and
- (3) key members and senior IAEA Secretariat staff, including the Director General, will support our efforts to reduce extraneous political controversy, protect Israel's right to participate, and to strengthen the safeguards regime.

After a comprehensive examination of all the considerations summarized above, the IG also concluded that the United States can best accomplish its objectives by participating actively from within the IAEA. The IG, therefore, concluded that the U.S. should decide in principle to resume participation in the IAEA at the earliest practicable date.

As the IG's report indicates (Tab 1), the timing of resumption of participation is complicated by the Kasten Amendment to the Continuing Resolution, which temporarily blocks U.S. payments to the IAEA, and by a December 1982 UNGA resolution which calls on the IAEA to exclude South Africa from all technical working groups. We are developing a strategy for dealing with these complications which includes close consultations with key IAEA members and with Members of Congress. Consistent with the IG's recommendations, we will then proceed with resumption of participation at the earliest practicable date.

Attachment:

Tab 1 - Inter-Agency Group Report

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